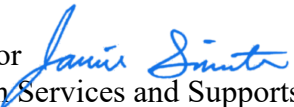




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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Nursing Home Transmittal No. 302
July 21, 2025

TO: Nursing Facility Administrators

FROM: Jamie Smith, Director 
Office of Long Term Services and Supports

RE: FY 2026 Quality Assessments Reporting and Payments

NOTE: **Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.**

This transmittal provides information regarding the quality assessment rates as well as requirements for quality assessment reporting and payment for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and should be viewed in conjunction with [Nursing Home Transmittal No. 300 \(PT 01-26\)](#).

Quality Assessment Rates

For FY 2026, the assessment amount is \$32.92 per non-Medicare patient day for all facilities subject to the quality assessment, except for the five (5) facilities that reported the most Medicaid days of care for FY 2025. For those five (5) facilities, the assessment amount is \$3.04 per non-Medicare patient day.

Reporting Days of Care

Facilities will be required to report their resident days and the payment due using the secure, HIPAA-compliant Cognito tool designed for this purpose. Click [here](#) to access the tool¹.

Further information regarding the online process, including instructions for submitting reports, may be found [here](#)².

¹ Link to QA reporting tool: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/MDH3/NursingFacilityQualityAssessmentReport>

² Link to instructions: <https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/longtermcare/SiteAssets/Pages/Nursing-Facility-Providers/Cognito%20Training%20for%20Quality%20Assessment.pdf>

Changes Requests

Effective immediately, amendments to quality assessment reports are only permitted for the two preceding fiscal years. Requests to revise reports beyond this timeframe will be denied.

Payment Remittance

Instructions for remitting payments will be distributed via Myers & Stauffer LC's secure portal.

Questions regarding quality assessment reporting may be directed to Darlene Jeffreyes at (410) 767-1453 or darlene.jeffreyes@maryland.gov. Questions regarding payments may be directed to Aktam Zahalka at (410) 767-5427 or aktam.zahalka@maryland.gov.